

***Amendments to the Claims***

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method of protecting soya beans against soya bean rust comprising applying Use—of one or more demethylation inhibitor (DMI) fungicides selected from the group consisting of:
  - a) triazoles:
    - a.1. azaconazole, a.2. bitertanol, a.3. bromuconazole, a.4. cyproconazole, a.5. difenoconazole, a.6. diniconazole, a.7. epoxiconazole, a.8. fenbuconazole, a.9. fluquinconazole, a.10. flusilazole, a.11. flutriafol, a.12. hexaconazole, a.13. imibenconazole, a.14. ipconazole, a.15. metconazole, a.16. myclobutanil, a.17. paclobutrazol, a.18. penconazole, a.19. propiconazole, a.20. prothioconazole, a.21. simeconazole, a.22. tebuconazole, a.23. tetriconazole, a.24. triadimenol, a.25. triticonazole;
  - b) pyrimidines:
    - b.1. fenarimol, b.2. nuarimol;
  - c) pyridines:
    - c.1. pyrifenoxy; and
  - d) imidazoles:
    - d.1. imazalil, d.2. oxpoconazole fumarate, d.3. peforazoate, d.4. prochloraz, d.5. triflumizole; ; and mixtures thereof  
~~as seed dressing for to said soya beans against soya bean rust.~~
2. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said Use according to Claim 1 using a DMI fungicide is selected from the group consisting of fluquinconazole, flutriafol, ipconazole, prothioconazole and triticonazole.
3. (Currently amended) A method ~~Method~~ for protecting soya bean plants against soya bean rust, ~~which method comprises treating seed of the plants with~~

comprising applying one or more DMI fungicides selected from the group ~~a-e~~ according to claim 1 consisting of:

a) triazoles:

a.1. azaconazole, a.2. bitertanol, a.3. bromuconazole, a.4. cyproconazole, a.5. difenoconazole, a.6. diniconazole, a.7. epoxiconazole, a.8. fenbuconazole, a.9. fluquinconazole, a.10. flusilazole, a.11. flutriafol, a.12. hexaconazole, a.13. imibenconazole, a.14. ipconazole, a.15. metconazole, a.16. myclobutanil, a.17. paclobutrazol, a.18. penconazole, a.19. propiconazole, a.20. prothioconazole, a.21. simeconazole, a.22. tebuconazole, a.23. tetriconazole, a.24. triadimenol, a.25. triticonazole;

b) pyrimidines:

b.1. fenarimol, b.2. nuarimol;

c) pyridines:

c.1. pyrifenox;

d) imidazoles:

d.1. imazalil, d.2. oxpoconazole fumarate, d.3. peforazoate, d.4. prochloraz, d.5. triflumizole; and mixtures thereof

to the seed of said plants.

4. (Currently amended) The method Method according to Claim 3 wherein said one or more DMI fungicides is selected from the group consisting of fluquinconazole, flutriafol, ipconazole, prothioconazole and triticonazole is used.

5. (Currently amended) A method of protecting soya beans against soya bean rust comprising applying Use of one or more DMI fungicides selected from the group consisting of:

a) triazoles:

a.20. prothioconazole;

b) pyrimidines:

b.1. fenarimol, b.2. nuarimol; and

- c) pyridines:
  - c.1. pyrifeno~~x~~; ; and mixtures thereof  
~~as seed dressing for to said soya beans against soya bean rust.~~
- 6. (Currently amended) The method Use according to Claim 5 using the wherein  
said DMI fungicide is prothioconazole.
- 7. (Currently amended) Method A method for protecting soya bean plants against  
phytopathogenic fungi, which method comprises treating seed of the plants with  
applying one or more DMI fungicides selected from the group consisting of:
  - a) triazoles:
    - a.20. prothioconazole;
  - b) pyrimidines:
    - b.1. fenarimol, b.2. nuarimol; and
  - c) pyridines:
    - c.1. pyrifeno~~x~~[[,]] ; and mixtures thereof  
to the seed of said plants.
- 8. (Currently amended) The method Method according to Claim 7 where the DMI fungicide ~~used~~ is prothioconazole.
- 9. (Currently amended) Soya bean seed, that has been treated, and/or coated or a  
combination thereof with one or more DMI fungicides selected from the group a  
according to Claim 5 consisting of:
  - a) triazoles:
    - a.20. prothioconazole;
  - b) pyrimidines:
    - b.1. fenarimol, b.2. nuarimol;
  - c) pyridines:
    - c.1. pyrifeno~~x~~ ; and mixtures thereof.

10. (Currently amended) The soya ~~Soya~~ bean seed according to Claim 9, ~~treated~~  
~~and/or coated with~~ wherein said DMI fungicide is prothioconazole.